

# Fire damages New Union site

by VICTOR RABINOVITCH

An estimated 50,000 dollars damage was caused yesterday when a small fire broke out within the construction scaffolding of the New Union.

The blaze started around 11:20 am in the northern portion of the building's foundation. It spread quickly, engulfing the entire 'basement' of the structure within minutes.

Workers, noticing thick clouds of smoke billowing from all openings, promptly called the fire department, which soon had two streams focussed on the flames. The blaze was completely under control within two hours.

Though the cause of the fire is yet to be determined, pending thorough examination, several construction workers felt that a spark from an acetylene torch might have easily set it off. A member of the fire department supported this opinion, saying that this was often the cause of similar fires in buildings under construction.

## Operator trapped

The most dangerous episode of yesterday's outbreak occurred when workers realized that an operator was trapped in the control booth of the 103-foot-high construction boom. Previously, policemen had cordoned off the site for fear that the heat from the flames would cause the supporting girders to buckle and the tower would collapse.

Now there was the added possibility of the man in the crane, identified as René Tremblay, suffocating from the heavy smoke surrounding his cabin. Firemen reduced the number of water streams to prevent this from happening.

Tremblay crawled across the bar of the construction boom where the firemen attempted to throw an extension ladder up to the top of the boom so that he could descend. However the ladder was too short to reach the top and so Tremblay lowered himself with a rope. Propelled by both the wind and his own motion, he was able to swing himself to the extension ladder where several firemen aided him in his descent.

"He handled himself beautifully — perfectly under control," a fellow worker noted.

The blaze destroyed most of the forms in which concrete would have been poured. In addition, it ruined a limited number of steel bars used to reinforce the structure.

Gordon Lee Echenberg, Chairman of the New Union Committee, said in a statement to the  
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## Candidates increase in great numbers

Forty-three candidates will contest fifteen posts in three fields of campus endeavour — the Women's Union, Arts and Science Undergraduate Society and the Commerce Undergraduate Society.

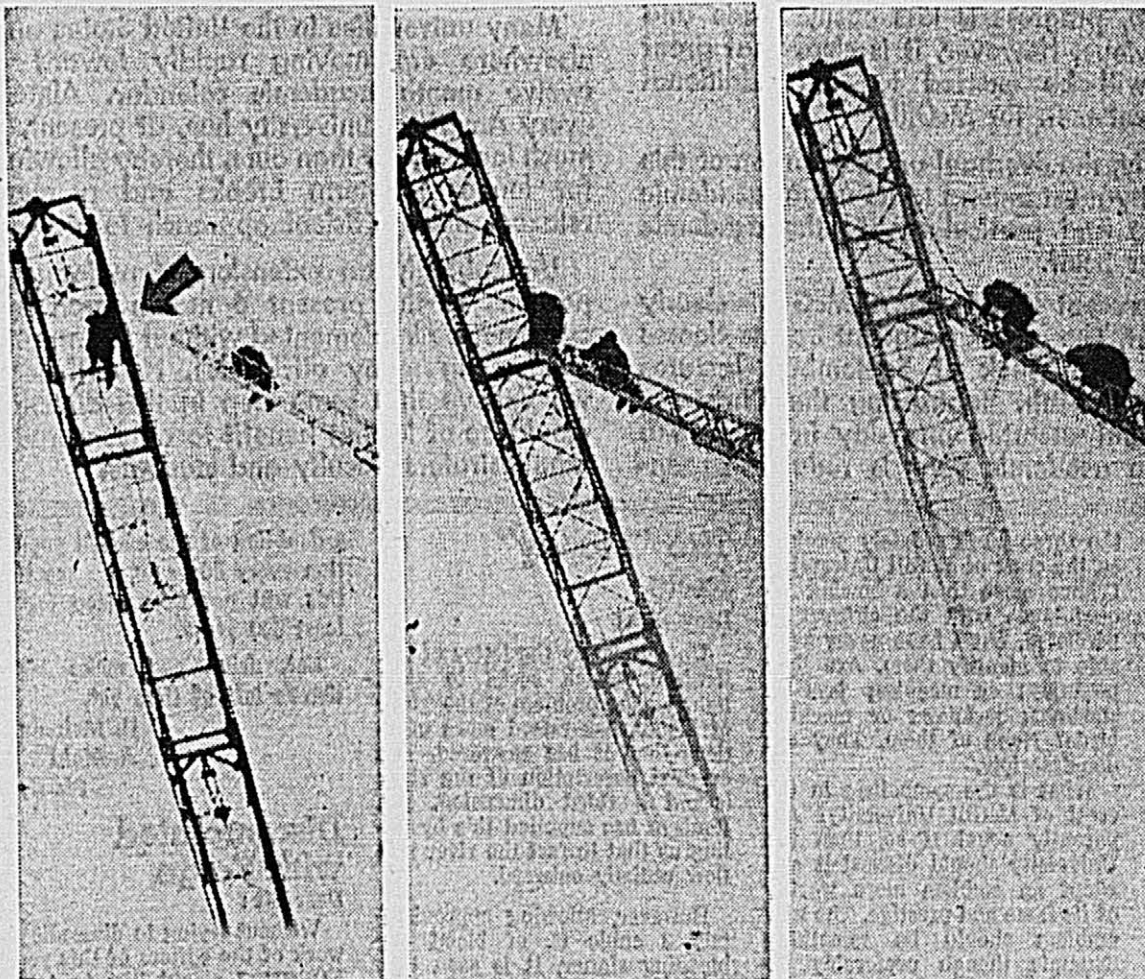
Running for Women's Athletic Association President are Daina Benedik, B.Sc. 3, Joan Glashan, DDS 2, Barbara Rowat, B.Sc. 4, and Carolyn Tincombe, B.Sc. 3.

The position of Secretary of the Women's Union will be contested by Lorna Birks, Susan Edmonds, Cheryl Hyde-Clark, Linda Robinson and Lindsay Scott, while Fifth-Member-At-Large of the Women's Union candidates are Susan Peters, Barbara Cameron, Helen Megan and Gail Morrell.

Candidates for various ASUS executive positions are as follows: President: Marvin Goldberg, Simon Schwartz, and Jim Wright; First Vice-President: Judy Shapiro, Lorna Sandler and Carole MacPherson; Second Vice-President: David Brandes, Barry Coleman, Jeremy Lach and Frank Slover; Treasurer: Peter Polacsik and Harvey Shaffer; Men's Athletic Representative: Mark Abelson and Rolf Kinskofer; W.A.A. Representative: Sharon Sutherland, Susan Baird and Susan Handman.

Acclaimed as ASUS Secretary is Linda Perley.

In the Commerce Undergraduate Society elections, Philip Barron and Gerald Luteran are contesting the position of President. Running for Vice-President are Lloyd Barron and Jack Moallem; for Treasurer: Sally Bayer, Dick Freeborough, John Swidler, and Steve Yaphe; for Recording Secretary: Ilona Shilov and Norman Pearl; and Male Athletic Representative: George Ratner and Jeff Payne. Acclaimed as W.A.A. Representative was Nancy Flynn and Christine Chicoine as Corresponding Secretary.



As smoke billows about him, a fireman goes to the rescue of construction worker René Tremblay (arrow), trapped on a 103-foot-high boom by yesterday's New Union site blaze. In the photo at left, Tremblay prepares to descend by rope to the extension ladder which fell short of the top of the crane. Center, the dangling worker swings over to the ladder. Right, fireman and construction worker begin their descent as smoke thickens.

— Lew Soroka

## Government's student loans:

# Canadian student leaders sceptical

Student leaders have generally reacted with scepticism to the federal government's proposed student loans, unveiled in the Throne Speech last Tuesday.

David Jenkins, President of the Canadian Union of Students, said that "it may be impossible to implement these loans without infringing upon provincial sovereignty in the field of education".

Ronald Montcalm, French-speaking vice-president of CUS, also sees the proposals as "direct interference in a provincial matter".

H. Sonny Gordon, President of the Students' Society, called the loan fund "a clear violation of provincial jurisdiction".

The three comments appeared

on the heels of Premier Lesage's statement that the plan "appears to be an indirect intrusion by the back door into the field of education".

No details were revealed in the Throne Speech announcement. It only said that needy students would be able to obtain loans "without payment of interest for the years of study".

Premier Lesage termed this "a disguised form of subsidy".

## Provinces to be consulted

It is known that the government would like to put the plan in operation by the next academic year, but the Throne Speech stressed that the plan would be introduced "only after consultation with the provinces".

It is thus likely that the plan will be discussed at the Federal-Provincial conference to be held at Quebec City at the end of March.

The three student leaders approved the general idea of increased aid to university students, but suggested that the

constitutional way would be for the federal government to turn over certain areas of taxation to the provinces "so that they can carry out their responsibilities toward education".

# Free education petition will be circulated this week

All students who have not as yet signed the McGill University petition on free education will have an opportunity to do so at the SEC election polls this coming Monday, March 2.

In addition SEC representatives and undergraduate society presidents will be circulating copies of the petition throughout this week in their respective faculties.

The petition reaffirms the support of free education in the province on all levels, provided that if and when this does come into effect, it will not infringe in any way upon the autonomy of these educational institutions.

As a first step on the road to free education, the petition urges

the government of Quebec to increase its financial support of universities and colleges during the forthcoming year so that  
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## CHEST X-RAYS

Appointments for Commerce students will be made in Purvis Hall, Tuesday, February 25th — all day. Students who have not as yet had a chest X-ray for the year 1963-64, should make their appointment then and avoid the \$25.00 fine.

## Presidential candidates speak

The three candidates for President of the Students' Society, Joel Bell, Tim Brodhead, and Saeed Mirza will hold a friendly discussion today at 1 pm in Room 204 of the New Engineering Building. A question and answer period will follow. All students are cordially invited to attend.



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my heart aches and a drowsy numbness pains my limbs as though 'tis my last night on deck... alas, 'tis so and the time has come when I must say farewell... farewell, ah 'tis a forlorn word which echoes in my sorrowful brain... farewell to those glorious sleepless nights of fun-filled moments, to those sun-drenched days of wine and roses, to those haggard eyes when blackened heavens opened up and all hell broke loose, and though I am not now the strength which in old days moved heaven and earth, that which I am I am, one slightly used, but just as keen as ever desk editor, BONNIE.

## Is 6 months in school enough?

Now that the greatest physical expansion in McGill's history is well underway, many members of the faculty have focussed their attention on the weaknesses in her academic structure. These individuals realize that expansion should encompass several levels concurrently, that any overhaul of lasting value will go beyond the renovation of old buildings and construction of new. They believe that it must include a complete re-evaluation of the very premises upon which McGill's approach to higher education has been based.

There are three distinct areas which should be considered if the future of this university is to live up to its potential. The first is the actual physical plant. Here our impressive

progress can be readily seen. The second, and very complex question is that of the expansion of the faculty. At this time, when competition for capable men is extremely intensive, progress is less easily made and less obvious. However, it is clear that great effort will be exerted to find additional competent men for McGill.

Thirdly, the overhaul and expansion of this university must extend to its actual academic structure and particularly, to the academic calendar itself.

The present school year at McGill is clearly too short. The average student begins classes in the third week of September. Lectures stop April 10th. Subtracting the Christmas break and assorted one day holidays, the effective academic year is reduced to ap-

proximately 25 weeks; a four year B.A. program, seen in this light, entails less than two years in classes.

Admittedly, it would be unfair to attribute all our failings to the short school year. Four hundred students in a huge lecture hall for 10 months would learn little more than they do in six. The danger of anonymity might be mitigated if students spent more time together; it would not disappear. Nevertheless the high pressure rush which the present program necessarily involves cannot help but have undesirable effects. The student who is determined to read all his assignments, and think about them, must resign himself to a year devoid of relaxation or social activity of any kind, a resignation which few exhibit and which does not really benefit those who do.

Many universities in the United States and elsewhere are moving rapidly toward a twelve month academic calendar. Almost every American university has, at present, a much longer year than ours, thereby allowing for longer mid-term breaks and a more relaxed, more efficient approach to studies.

Undoubtedly an extension of major proportions to the present 6 month program, could not be implemented without facing and overcoming many difficulties. Nevertheless, we believe that some step in this direction would be of lasting benefit to all concerned, administrators, faculty and students.

## LETTERS

### Visitor's property stolen

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my disgust with the conduct of some individual or group of individuals at Mont Habitant last Friday. As you know, McGill was host to a great many debaters from across Canada and the United States. In particular, two of the debaters from the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy were obliged to wear their uniforms up north in accordance with a regulation of the Academy concerning civilian clothes.

During the festivities up north, some misguided creature stole the cap of one of the gentlemen within 5 minutes after it was put down. That stolen hat was part of a uniform! It is a serious offence for one of these gentlemen to be out of uniform. Not only will it be very difficult for the person involved to obtain another one, he is in trouble until such time as he can procure one. These men were guests here at McGill. I am sure they went back to the States with some justifiable hard feelings.

Representing McGill as a hostess at the Debating Conference I was ashamed of the conduct of this prankster. Assuming that the person who stole part of a U.S. Merchant Marine uniform is now sober, and in the hope that if he has not already done so he will want to rectify this situation, I suggest that he send his "souvenir" to Mr. Roger Dunn at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point N.Y. at once.

Carolyn Stark B.A. II.

### Toilet Bowl results misconstrued

Dear Sir:

On page 7 of today's (Monday's) Daily, "Special Correspondent" Ron Fleischman states in part: The Daily, with two men short as a result of the kidnapping which the SEC failed to thwart, was awarded the game

by default 3-0, thus retaining title to the Toilet Bowl.

I sincerely hope that this highly biased and largely incorrect statement of Mr. Fleischman's does not reflect the true attitude of the Daily editors.

In actual fact, the Daily staffers fielded a full team, and that team was fairly beaten 3-0 (a rouge and a safety touch) by the SEC team. The referee so declared when the game had ended. I trust the editors realize that the opposing team (in this case the SEC) is not required to make certain that the Daily fields a team at all. Failure to field a team, or the team desired, can only be blamed on the Daily staffers, and, admittedly, a rather large mob of energetic Plumbers.

I hope that you will, sir, print this letter, to demonstrate your desire to report the news as accurately as possible.

L. Hugh Pett,  
B.Sc. 4

ED. NOTE: The report said that the Daily team was two MEN short. They were replaced by BOYS, thus allowing the SEC to achieve its questionable victory.

### Longing for Birdland

Sir,

When Miss Maureen Appel returned from Pakistan, I asked her if the syllable -stan as it occurs in names like Hindustan, Baluchistan and Turkistan etc. had any meaning. The suffix, she said, meant "home of", "land of", or "world of". These names therefore mean the home of the Hindus, the land of the Baluchis or the world of Turks, etc.

I think that a new word should be coined to denote the world of birds as Birdistan in preference to "bird-dom".

Birdistan has as infinite a variety in character and personality of its feathery inhabitants as the world of men and women. Thus it has its patricians and snobs among the swans and its plebeians among the ducks and hens. The peacocks are its showmen and the penguins and pelicans its clowns. Its pariahs are the vultures and its scavengers the crows. The sovereign of this kingdom is of course the eagle.

I have often been intrigued by

the three birds sedately perched on the crest of McGill University. I have more than a bowing acquaintance with the citizens of Birdistan, but I have never been able to identify them. Are they popinjays or magpies; jays or starlings; jackdaws or mocking birds? None of them. They are non-descripts.

What is the symbolism in the crest of McGill University? Apparently none! If so, then the University should discard it and adopt an emblem more worthy of its fame and prestige. The new emblem should be something dynamic though preferably inanimate. Since McGill is a pioneer university in space exploration, it should adopt some emblem like a five-masted sailing vessel pioneering like Columbus in unknown dimensions. The blue streaks of lightning as emblematic of power that comes from knowledge or the sun-disk diffusing the light of knowledge are other emblems worth considering. Even the Byzantine eagle or the head of a wolf would be more meaningful than the three birds emblazoned on the University flag.

Sayed Asgar A. Razvi

ED. NOTE: The birds on McGill's crest are Martlets, mythical creatures with heraldic significance only.

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### The "bloody" facts

Dear Sirs:

Unfortunately the letter of Mr. Roulson, which seeks to shed light on the problem of the 'river of blood', has raised more questions than it has answered. The original description of the river lacked a third dimension. Mr. Roulson has supplied this by telling us that in fact the river will flow radially outward.

However, allowing approximately 3 cubic ft. of blood per bleeding sinner, it is seen that 5 x 10<sup>11</sup> sinners will be needed. Estimating conservatively that 99% of mankind will be numbered among the sinners, and considering approximately 4 x 10<sup>9</sup> sources of blood available today (including previous generations) we see that, in fact what seems on the surface to be a paradox still exists.

However a little thought will in fact show that the purpose of this passage of the bible is to enable us to predict with reasonable certainty the time of the 2nd coming. We conclude therefore that the second coming cannot be until enough blood is available to fill this swimming pool of retribution. Allowing for

a doubling of the earth's population every 50 years, we see that this will not take place for at least 500 years.

Eat, drink and make Mary, there's lots of time yet.

B. McInnis,  
A. Held  
Ph. D. II.

### Disappointed with Forge

Dear Sir:

Without trying to discredit the work of the editors of this year's FORGE, I would like to tender one small complaint. After being led to believe that this year's edition would represent many more of McGill's poets than heretofore, I was disappointed to see that the magazine is almost wholly concerned with the work of those few poets whose poems are regularly published in various McGill publications. I was further disappointed in the small number of poets represented. I count merely fifteen poets, eight of which (at least) are too familiar to McGill students. Hoping to see more of the unexplored genius of the "unknowns" in the future, I remain,

Charles R. Kahn,  
B.A. II

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## Controversy continues over Quartier Latin

Le Quartier Latin, the undergraduate newspaper of the University of Montreal, continues to be put out by an "équipe intérimaire" of staffers who resigned last week in protest over a Council "vote de blâme".

The équipe has signified its intention of leaving the paper after Thursday's issue.

The executive of AGEUM (Association Générale des Etudiants de l'Université de Montréal) has denied reports that students are "not too happy" about the resignations.

"AGEUM is an essentially democratic body", Secretary Louis Côté said, "composed of representatives of all faculties". Côté expressed regret about the resignations, but said that AGEUM had the duty to disapprove of the editorial criticizing U of M Rector Monseigneur Irénée Lussier for alleged conflict of duties in regard to a textbook monopoly, for its "clearly unacceptable tone".

A University committee came to the conclusion that the editorial was "injurious and seriously damaging to the reputation of

the Rector and thus prejudicial to the University".

It saw the offence as serious enough to warrant expulsion of Director Guy Bertrand and editorialist Emmanuel Garon.

The Committee recommended that AGEUM set up its own system of self-discipline and that Bertrand and Garon be delivered "severe reprimands" for their action.

The entire staff of the Quartier Latin in a signed statement reaffirmed their "total solidarity regarding the legitimate reaction of the directors (Bertrand and Michel Beaulieu), our moral and actual support of their action, and that in present circumstances we cannot continue to work on the Quartier Latin".

## McGill professors receive Canada Council grants

Two McGill professors were last week awarded post-doctoral fellowships by the Canada Council.

Professor James W. Miller, Chairman of the Philosophy Department, and Professor John I. Cooper, of the History Department, were two of the 30 successful candidates for the grants, worth up to \$4,500.

The awards, which are for one academic year, provide the win-

## Contest to be held in public-speaking; women only

The Debating Union will hold the Women's Impromptu Public Speaking Contest in the Cue Room of the Union at 7:30 pm tomorrow night.

All women students are eligible for this tournament, regardless of whether or not they have had previous speaking or debating experience. The winner will be awarded a silver trophy, to be presented by the President of the Debating Union.

Each contestant will be assigned a topic upon arriving at the Union and given time to prepare a five-minute speech.

Miss Beatrice Briggs, Chairman of Women's Debating will give added information to anyone who so desires at VI. 2-0265.

## Public lecture series features Prof. Demers

Professor Pierre Demers, Faculty of Science, Université de Montréal, will deliver the second in the series of three public lectures at McGill University tonight at 8:15 pm in Redpath Hall.

The series, called the E.R. Adair Lectures and sponsored by the French Canada Studies Program, is devoted to the general topic of "Two cultures in Canada and the Western World."

Tuesday evening's lecture by Professor Demers will deal with biculturalism in Canada.

Professor Demers' first lecture, delivered Thursday, February 20 in Redpath Hall, was an examination of the "two cultures" — scientific and literary — in different parts of the world.

Professor Adair, after whom this series is named, was Associate Professor, later Professor of History and Chairman of the Department at McGill University from 1925 to 1954. Much of his

work was concerned with the history of French Canada. He now lives in retirement in Austin, Texas.

The last in this series of free lectures will be held Tuesday, March 3, at 8:15 pm in Redpath Hall.

## Petition . . .

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these various institutions will be able to reduce their tuition fees to at least the level that was in effect during the school year of 1962-63.

Students are asked to give thorough consideration to the aims and purpose of the petition before affixing their signature to it.

## Today

**LETTERS CLUB:** Annual organizational meeting, election of executive. Please attend, 1 pm, Clubroom, Union.

**PLAYERS' CLUB:** Rehearsal — The Balcony — 7:15 pm, entire cast.

**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB:** General meeting, 1 pm, Clubroom, Union Attic.

**CHORAL SOCIETY:** Rehearsal for "Springsong". Compulsory attendance, 5 pm, Union Ballroom.

**SCM:** Indian Dinner, Phone VI. 2-1156 or sign list at the House before 2 pm.

**McGILL SYMPHONIC BAND:** First rehearsal of new concert series, new members welcome, 4:30 pm, Redpath Hall.

**LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT:** Annual business meeting and elections, 1 pm, Augustana House, 3493 Peel.

**STUDENTS ZIONIST MOVEMENT:** Reverend J. S. Gravel, will speak on "A Christian's View of Israel", 1 pm, Union Clubroom.

**NEWMAN HOUSE:** Mass today at 1:05 and 5:15 pm today and during the rest of the week. Special preacher will be Friar Hall.

**COSMOPOLITAN CLUB:** A discussion in the series will be held today at 1 pm in Peterson Hall, Room 206. The topic is "Fads, Idiosyncrasies, and Phobias in the Modern Society"; featured will be Mr. S. Shuster who will lead the discussion.

## Fire . . .

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Daily that the estimated delay the date of occupancy of the New University Centre by the students of McGill," he stated. "Ample time will still be afforded for smooth transfer of facilities from the Old Building".

He added that a small fire in the initial stages of the construction should not in any way dampen student enthusiasm towards the New University Centre.

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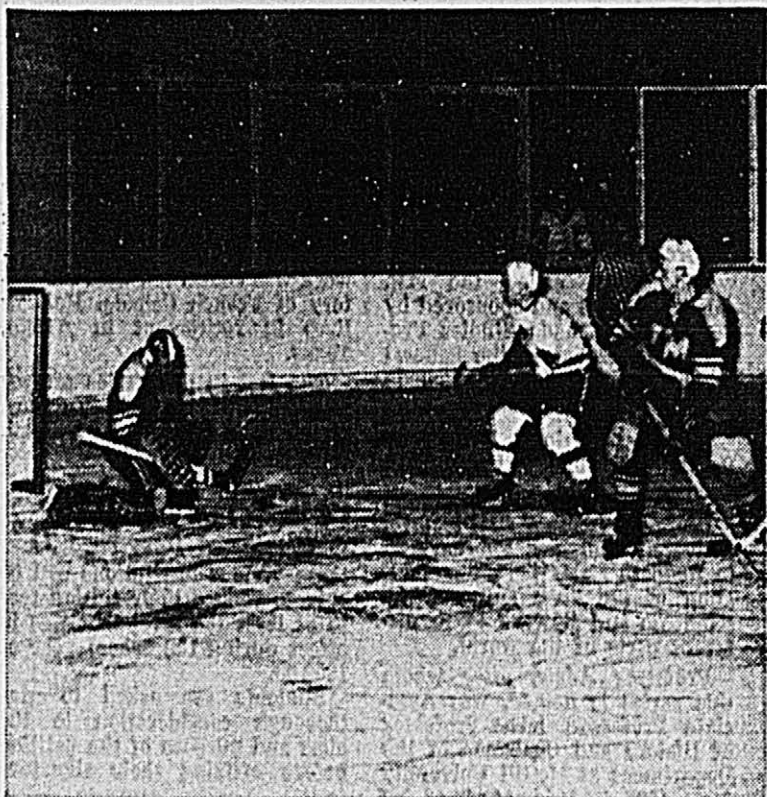
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— Jack Kapica

University of Montreal's hard-working goal-keeper, Viau, stops a potential goal in last Thursday's game. Looking on is Redmen Captain Skip Kerner ready to fire again on the rebound. Unfortunately, this one got away but Kerner went on to score the first of McGill's three goals.

## Aggies edge McGill in torch relay race

The fourth annual McGill Carnival Relay Race from the campus to Mont Habitant had a close finish this year as Macdonald College handed McGill its first defeat since the event originated three years ago.

With the U of M team dropping out of the race this year the Redmen's torch held an ever decreasing lead for more than half the run. The Aggies then took over, their man being more than half a mile ahead at one point.

According to the rules the last three miles along the St. Sau-

veur road have to be run by the whole team, and the race finished with McGill overtaking all of their opponents runners except for a lone Aggie who was ahead by a few yards at the finish. The near fifty mile run took 4 hrs 36 mins, beating last year's by two minutes.

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# WHEN IN ROME...

by JUDY ROMAN — Women's Sports Editor

This is the hardest time of year to find something to write about since everybody thinks the year is nearly over, so why bother doing anything. The year is not merely nearly over, but is collapsing in an exhausted last effort to do everything it meant to do but never did (if you know what I mean).

Well anyhow, girls are still skating, skiing, basketballing, volleyballing, fencing and arching.

### BASKETBALL

An Intercollegiate tournament is planned to take place this weekend at Queens University. The participants are from Queens, University of Toronto and McGill.

### HOCKEY

An Intercollegiate Hockey tournament will take place at the McGill Winter Stadium this Friday and Saturday. At 9 am on Friday McGill plays McMaster, at 10:15 OAS plays Queens and at 4:15 pm McGill battles U of Toronto. Saturday morning begins with Queens playing U of Toronto at 9 am and McGill playing OAC at 10:15 am. An added attraction will be the exhibition game between Macdonald and Queens. It is reported that OAC (Ontario Agricultural College), and U of Toronto have very strong teams. They should provide for exciting matches. Everyone is invited to come and watch.

### MODERN DANCE

The program for March 5th is Guest Night at 8 pm in the RVC Gym. This is open to all students for the purpose of giving a chance to the club to demonstrate its talent. Admission is free.

### SKI HOUSE

The ski house seems to become more popular as the year grows. It was full again on Carnival weekend. Conditions were excellent and everyone had a gay time. Ski-

ers are fortunate in that the house will be open through all of March.

### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

These are scheduled as follows: Badminton today and Thursday from 7 to 10 pm; Fencing on Thursday from 7 to 10 pm; rifle-ry on Thursday from 7 to 10 pm; swimming at RVC and at the Currie Pool and Squash daily. Everyone is urged to make use of these facilities as time is running short and before we know it... EXAMS!

A general meeting was held yesterday for all women students in the RVC Common Room. An amendment to the constitution was passed stating that now women other than those in fourth year are eligible to run for President of the WAA. There will be another general meeting on March 11th at 5:15 to elect a Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of Councils. Everyone take note — the deadline for nominations for WAA President has been extended to February 25th at 2 pm.

### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS ON WAA: 1964-65

Any girl who is interested in women's athletics and executive work may apply for the following positions:

Secretary

Treasurer

Chairman, Competitive Sports Council

Chairman, Recreational Activities Council

Student Representative to Women's Athletic Board.

Applications may be obtained at the Physical Education Office in RVC and must be submitted before 4:30 on March 2nd.

Events are coming to a close. The WAA is madly dashing about trying to organize its official banquet. All sorts of awards will be given, speeches and toasts made, applause rendered — but what about the food??

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